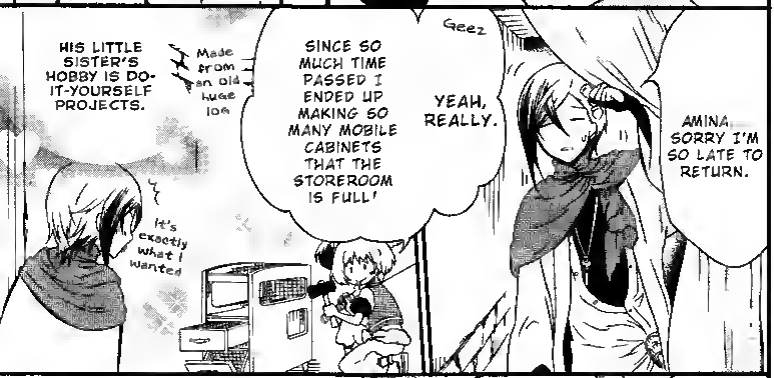
OH!
WELCOME BACK, NADI-NII!!
Yay


AMINA... SORRY I'M SO LATE TO RETURN.
Geez
YEAH, REALLY.
SINCE SO MUCH TIME PASSED I ENDED UP MAKING SO MANY MOBILE CABINETS THAT THE STOREROOM IS FULL!
Made from an old fuse box
HIS LITTLE SISTER'S HOBBY IS DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECTS.
It's exactly what I wanted

ANY-WAY, HOW DID THE PUBLIC SERVICE EXAM GO?
Uhh
I'M SORRY
TRUTH-FULLY, I WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE THE EXAM...
WHA!? WHY...?
BESIDES THAT I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT...

I ALSO BROUGHT A STRANGE ANIMAL TO THE HOUSE ...
チラ…
Glance...
KYAAAAAAAH!?
千一夜ドロップ
sen ichi ya DROP
CHAPTER 2: WHAT WAS THAT SIBLING DOING AT THAT TIME?
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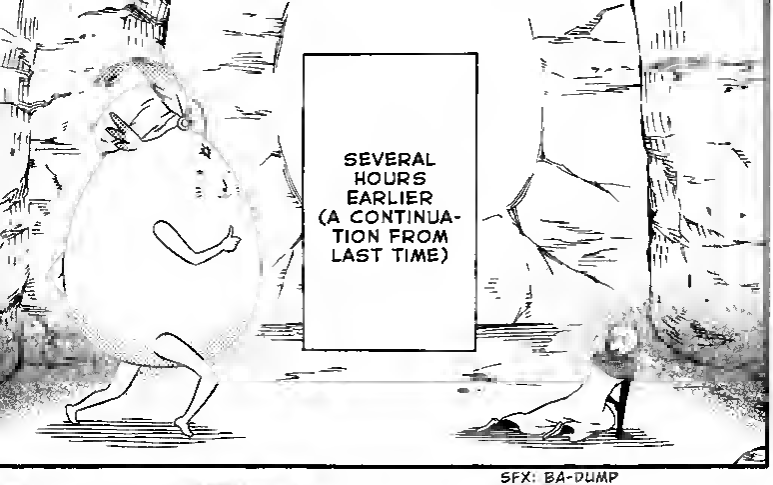
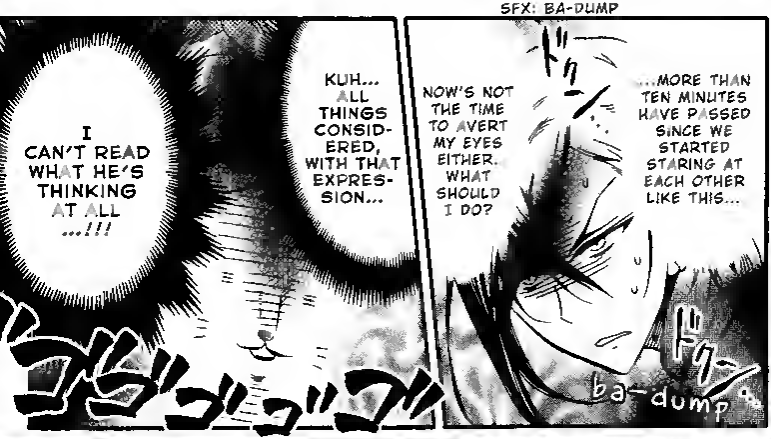
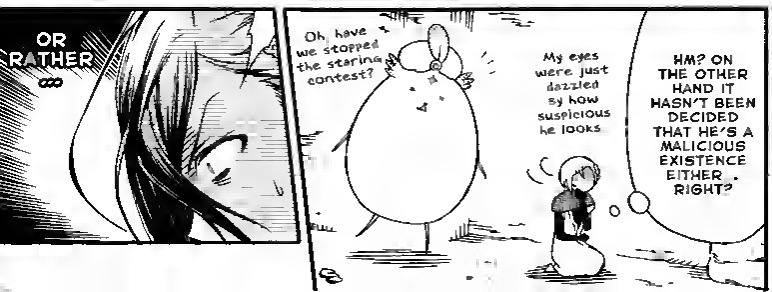
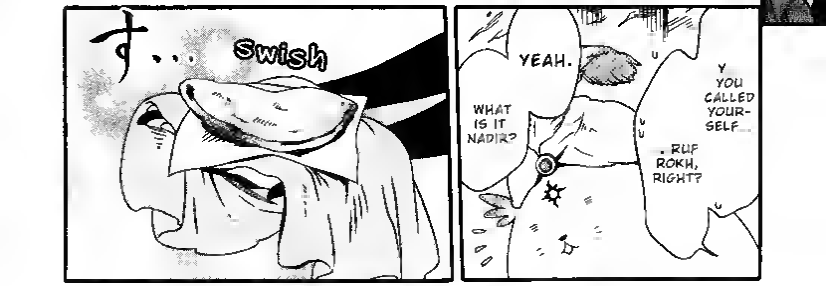
WHAT'S THE MATTER, AMINA-CHAN?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG!?
ELHAM-SAN!?
Sorry for making such fuss!!
Crash
Poof
IT'S REASSURING THAT SHE CAME ALL THE WAY FROM THE NEIGHBORING HOUSE THOUGH
Oh, Nedir-chan made it back home? I'm relieved
Huh? Was that here before?
HOW DID ALL THIS COME ABOUT...?
SO,

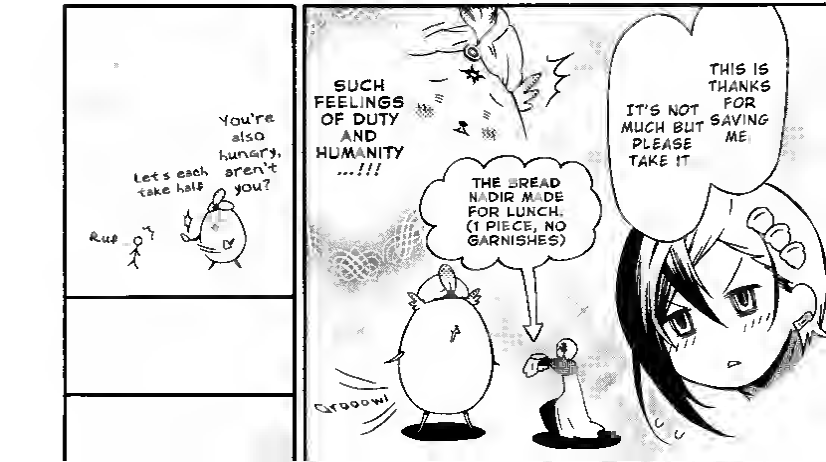

SEVERAL HOURS EARLIER (A CONTINUATION FROM LAST TIME)


SFX: BA-DUMP
I CAN'T READ WHAT HE'S THINKING AT ALL ...!!!
KUH... ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, WITH THAT EXPRESSION...
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO AVERT MY EYES EITHER. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
...MORE THAN TEN MINUTES HAVE PASSED SINCE WE STARTED STARING AT EACH OTHER LIKE THIS...
ba-dump


OR RATHER
Oh, have we stopped the staring contest?
My eyes were just dazzled by how suspicious he looks
HM? ON THE OTHER HAND IT HASN'T BEEN DECIDED THAT HE'S A MALICIOUS EXISTENCE EITHER. RIGHT?

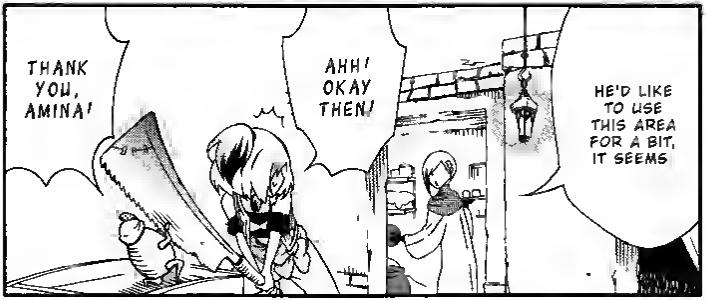
IF HE'S NOT AN IRREGULAR EXISTENCE THERE'S NO WAY HE'D HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT THOSE BANDITS!!
I was just misled by that abnormal form!!
HE'S MY LIFE GUARDIAN INSTEAD!!?
spin
spin
Heheheh

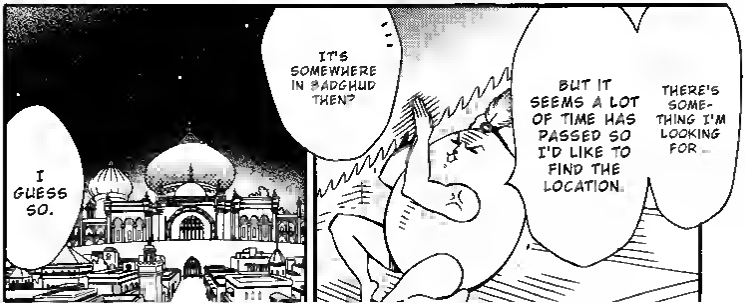

す...
Swish
YEAH.
WHAT IS IT NADIR?
Y YOU CALLED YOUR-SELF... . RUF ROKH, RIGHT?


You're also hungry, aren't you?
Let's each take half
Ruf
SUCH FEELINGS OF DUTY AND HUMANITY ...!!!
THE BREAD NADIR MADE FOR LUNCH. (1 PIECE, NO GARNISHES)
Croooow!
IT'S NOT MUCH BUT PLEASE TAKE IT
THIS IS THANKS FOR SAVING ME

SORRY ABOUT SURPRISING YOU EARLIER, LITTLE MISS.
small and quiet
NADIR AND THE AMAZING ME CAME TO SHARE THE BREAD TOGETHER HAPPILY!
AND THAT'S THE STORY OF HOW
NADI-NII...
BUT, MY GUARDIAN WON'T BE CHANGING.
NADIR...
waah
OR, COULD HE BE THE GHOST IN THE RUMORS GOING AROUND?
SUDDENLY HE'S BECOME A ROGUE-FACED EGG!?
WHAAA!? IS THIS REALLY OKAY, NADI-NII?
PROBABLY.
My face is it?
BUT AT THIS SIZE YOU'RE KINDA CUTE.
B... BESIDES THAT, THE BIG YOU WAS SCARY.
NO PROBLEM!
T... THANK YOU, RUF ROKH.
UH... WELL HE DID SAVE NADI-NII BEFORE THOUGH... RIGHT?

BY THE WAY, AMINA, IS IT OKAY FOR RUF TO STAY HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
AIN'T I?


THANK YOU, AMINA!
AHH! OKAY THEN!
HE'D LIKE TO USE THIS AREA FOR A BIT, IT SEEMS


I GUESS SO.
IT'S SOMEWHERE IN BAGHDAD THEN?
BUT IT SEEMS A LOT OF TIME HAS PASSED SO I'D LIKE TO FIND THE LOCATION.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'M LOOKING FOR...

OUR PLACE IS SMALL BUT MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME
COME TO THINK OF IT, AMINA, KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT RAJI?
NOPE... RAJI-NII DIDN'T COME HOME TODAY EITHER
RAJI?
YOU HAVE ANOTHER SIBLING?
YEAH...
You picked up a girl who turns into a super-warrior...
You're cool! cool! You made a fine choice.
HE DOESN'T WORK AND HE DOESN'T TAKE CARE OF OUR LITTLE SISTER.
WHERE IN THE WORLD HAS HE WAN-DERED OFF TO...?

I'M THE NEW GUY, RAJI ALAUDDIN AZHAR.
I'VE JUST NOW JOINED THE MAIN FORCE OF THE BANDIT GANG, ANKABUT!!
Previously
YOU GOT CAUGHT IN THE ROCK DOOR AND YOUR SHOULDER WAS DISLOCATED AND ALL THAT
OH, NEW GUY! TODAY WAS A DISASTER, WASN'T IT?
YEAH
Uah
BUT, I WAS ALLOWED TO REST FOR HALF A DAY AND I'M COMPLETELY FINE NOW!
SO PLEASE GIVE ME SOME ORDERS!!!
A break? We told you that injured people just get in the way so you should go somewhere else.
Don't get so pumped up
BUT, WELL, TODAY THERE'S NOTHING TO DO
SINCE WHILE YOU WERE GONE A LOT OF VARIOUS THINGS HAPPENED
VARIOUS?
THAT'S ...
Glance

Rage
Rage
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IS ALL THAT SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO BOSS HARB'S SUPER SULLEN MOOD...?
Heh
Snicker
...YOU SISSY-BOY AND EGG GHOST.. DON'T YOU DARE THINK YOU'VE BEAT ME WITH JUST THIS...
NEXT TIME WE MEET I'LL DEFINITELY WIN——
Don't get so pumped up
B... BOSS! I'M FINE NOW!!
Look at this!
Spin
YO, NEW GUY, HOW'S YOUR SHOULDER?
You're an idiot
HM?
Flail
HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE THAT BUT HE'S WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO GHOSTS...
OH, DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THAT. HE'S ONLY WORRYING ABOUT HOW SCARED HE WAS OF THAT GHOST.
Glare

IF YOU WERE MORE PALE AND HAD A MORE SLENDER FRAME...
YES!?
WITH THAT TWO-TONED COLORED HAIR...
Stare
?
?
...NO WAY, IT COULDN'T BE...
They couldn't have had any contact
BUT, IF HE SAYS TWO-TONED HAIR COLOR
MORE PALE ... AND SLENDER ...?
...YOU DON'T LOOK ALIKE AFTER ALL.
Turn
SEEING BOSS HARB UP CLOSE REALLY LEAVES A STRONG IMPRESSION. THAT'S ALL!
N. NOTHING!
RAJI, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

T/N: ANIKI MEANS "OLDER BROTHER" AND IS USED FOR MALES OLDER THAN THE SPEAKER.
I mean
THE FIRST TIME I MET THE BOSS HE PINNED DOWN THREE WILD RAGING CAMELS IN AN INSTANT.
that's a strong impression!
So exciting
What are ya lookin' at?
HE'S SUPER COOL AFTER ALL...!!
OH. ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT HIM BEING "SCARED OF GHOSTS" EARLIER WAS JUST A JOKE, RIGHT, ANIKI?
EH? OH... SURE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, BOSS!!?
I DON'T WANNA CRUSH HIS DREAMS...
Come to think of it the group of camels has increased recently.
AH! BUT HOLD ON A SECOND!
I DON'T KNOW ITS TRUE IDENTITY BUT DID YOU REALLY MEET WITH A MONSTER!?
HUUUH!? SERIOUSLY!?
WHAT DID THE MONSTER LOOK LIKE!?
Err YOU'RE ASKING ME WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE?
Round, like this
HM?

SWOO
.....
Fwoosh
SFX CLATTER
AHHHH !!! IT'S THOSE GUYS!
U..UG-YAH...
LIKE THAT...
WHAAU !?
DAMN RIGHT!! ANYHOW, FOLLOW THOSE GUYS!
Boss, your eyes sure are good.
THAT SISSY-LOOKING GUY WAS RIDING ALONG!
THOSE GUYS?
Sissy-looking?

NOW THEN, WE'RE HERE!
THIS IS WHERE THE THING I WANT SHOULD BE!!
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DID YOU BRING THE LAMP, NADIR!?
THEN I'LL HURRY UP AND OPEN THE UNDER-GROUND CAVE DOOR...
HOLD ON FOR A MINUTE. NADI-NII DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD...
MOTION SICK-NESS
YOU'VE GOT A PRETTY WEAK CONSTI-TUTION, HUH?
SUDDENLY BRINGING US TO THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT
WHAT'S GOING ON, RUF.?

BUT... BUT...
EARLIER, AT THE HOUSE YOU QUICKLY TOOK OUT THE CARPET AFTER I TOOK HOLD OF THE LAMP...
NO, THAT'S THE LEAST OF MY CONCERNS!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW WAS THAT CARPET FLYING THROUGH THE SKY ...?
Crash
Crash
BUT WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GIVE BIRTH TO IT LIKE THAT WITHOUT ANY PRIOR WARNINGS!!?
THAT WAS TOO R-RATED, WASN'T IT!!?
And Amina was right there!!
AMINA, DON'T LOOK
DON'T LOOK!!!
Split
Splat
Is that so?
RO))
RO))

SFX: RUMBLE
HOLD UP, SIT RIGHT THERE, RUF. YOU'VE DID SOME GOOD THINGS AS MY GUARDIAN BUT ALSO SOME BAD THINGS! SINCE FROM NOW ON WE'LL ALL BE LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF YOU NEED TO TRY TO HAVE AT LEAST A SMALL AMOUNT OF FORE-THOUGHT...
NADIR, YOU'LL HAVE TO SAVE THE LECTURE FOR LATER!
THE THIEVES FROM THIS AFTERNOON ARE CHASING AFTER US
WHAT!?
Rumble
HM!?
Is that body solid? Or is it soft?
WAG WAG
TRADITIONAL SITTING STYLE
You mean you two made with those people!?
THIEVES!?
CHE. WHERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE...?
WHAAA!? IT'S SO DARK I CAN'T EVEN SEE INSIDE THERE.
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO BRING OUT THE CARPET AGAIN! WE'RE GONNA JUMP!!

IT'S OKAY. BELIEVE IN ME!!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME!!!
B— BELIEVE IN HIM, HE SAYS.
.....
...AMINA, DON'T LET GO OF MY HAND.
HUH!?
NADI-NII, YOU CAN'T BE...
SFX: RUSTLE
swoosh
YES... WE'RE JUMPING... JUST BELIEVE IN RUF ROKH...!!!
IT'S ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER....!?
CONTINUED NEXT TIME!!!

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